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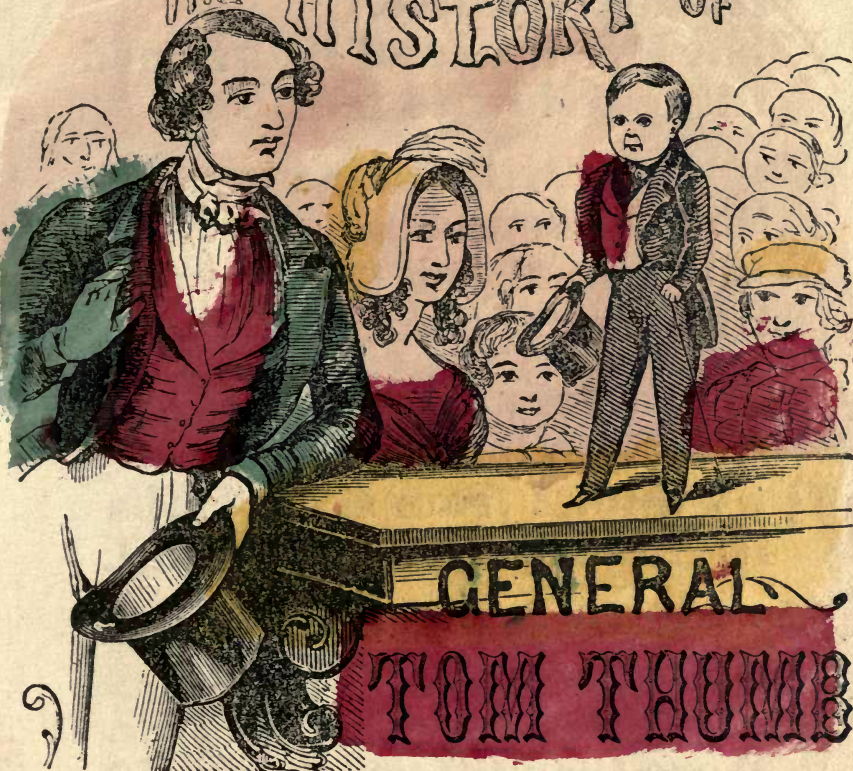
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# THE HISTORY OF



## GENERAL TOM THUMB

**I** SUPPOSE my young friends  
You would all like to see  
Little Tom Thumb,  
At this table with me.

**But as he is not here,  
It may be as well  
What I've heard of that famed  
Little fellow to tell.**

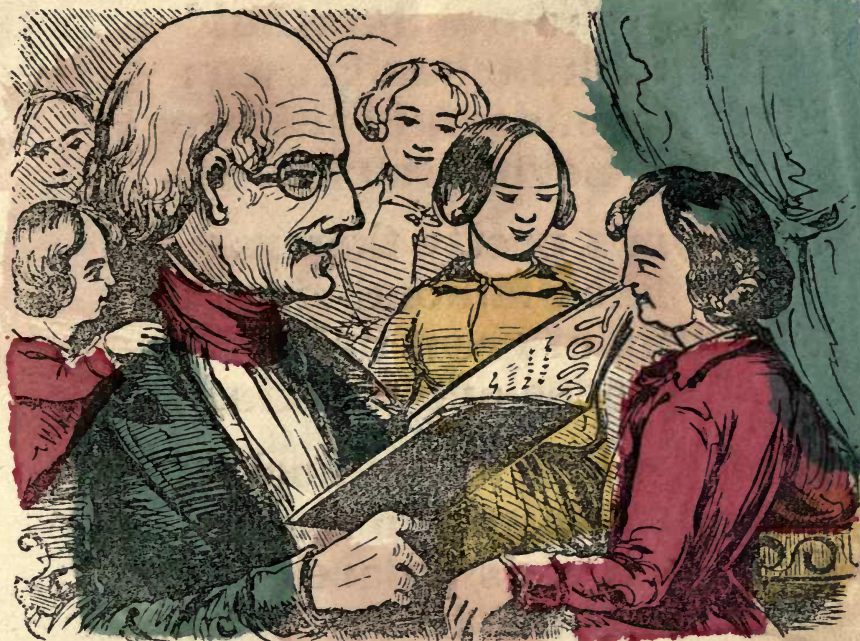
**I'm sure 'twill amuse you,  
So now round me come,  
While I read you the wonders  
Of General Tom Thumb.**

**Tom's a very great beauty,  
Although he's so small,  
Only think ! from six months  
He has scarce grown at all.**

**He weighs just fifteen pounds  
And an ounce, I am told,  
And yet he is now  
More than fifteen years old.**

**He has a good figure  
And a sweet pretty face,  
And all that he does  
Is done with much grace.**





Though small as a baby,  
You soon will find out  
That he talks, and he sings,  
And he dances about

And he kisses his hands  
To the ladies all round,  
And receives their applause  
With a bow to the ground;

**Just the same as he would  
If a man he had grown :  
Such a wonderful creature  
There never was known.**

**On Tom's pretty fingers  
Are fine diamond rings ;  
The gifts of great nobles,  
Of Queens and of Kings :**

**And a watch in his pocket,  
He had from the Queen,  
For Victoria's palace  
Three times he has seen.**

**And her majesty smiled  
When he picked up her fan,  
And said that Tom Thumb  
Was a " Smart little man."**

**The young Prince of Wales  
Was delighted to see  
Little Tom, so much older,  
Yet smaller than he.**





# TOM THUMB

VISITING THE  
QUEEN'S PALACE.

And the two Princesses  
Seemed very much pleased,  
When he bowed to them both  
And seemed so much at ease.

In his funny black boots,  
And his little cocked hat,  
And his General's coat,  
With his sword besides that.

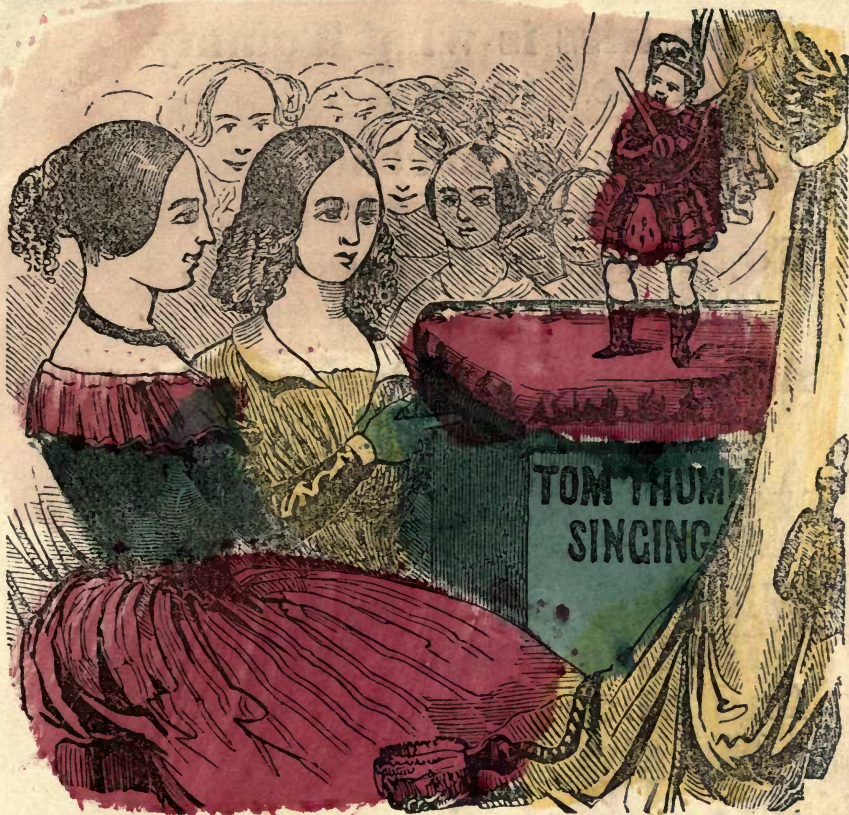
For sometimes he'll dress  
Like Napoleon of France;  
Sometimes like a sailor,  
A hornpipe he'll dance.

And then like a soldier,  
Look gallant and strong;  
Then like an old man  
He will hobble along.

Then again like a dandy,  
With very fine clothes,  
With kid gloves and cane,  
Out a walking he goes.

And oft in the dress  
Of a brave Highland laddie,  
He sings to the ladies  
“Come under my pladdie.”





And they all swarm around him  
Like so many bees,  
So pretty he looks  
With his little bare knees.  
With his tiny doll's mouth  
Then he kisses each one,

**For a kiss is what Tommy  
Refuses to none.**

**At home or abroad,  
Wherever Tom's seen,  
To the ladies he's partial,  
Though only sixteen.**

**And he looks all around him,  
Until he can find  
A sweet little girl  
Who is just to his mind.**

**With a smile, to a chair  
He hands little Miss,  
And when they are seated  
He gives her a kiss.**

**And Tom has a carriage  
To come at his call;  
The maker scarce knew  
How to make one so small.**

**With two little ponies  
The smallest e'er found,**





## **TOM THUMB GOING TO ENGLAND & FRANCE.**

**And they say it all cost him  
Just six hundred pound.**

**And such a small driver  
You never did see,  
Though General Tom Thumb  
Is much smaller than he.**

To France and to England  
Dear little Tom went,  
And most of his time  
With Kings and Queens spent.

And when he started  
To take this long trip,  
The boys and girls followed him  
Down to the ship.

He has a fine sofa,  
With which a young Prince  
Presented unto him,  
A little while since.

Where Tom, when he's tired,  
At ease may recline  
On its red velvet cushion,  
So soft and so fine.

'Tis so small in its size,  
That it seems to the eye  
Just the place for a lady's  
Pet lap dog to lie.





And Tom's got a dog,  
His name it is Spring;  
He's as high as Tom Thumb,  
And of dogs quite the king.

Yet though he's so large,  
And Tom is so small,  
The dog will obey him,  
And come at his call.

He will fetch and will carry,  
Will go and will come,  
And do all he is bid  
By his master Tom Thumb.

But often I know,  
'Tis his pleasure and pride  
To have a young lady  
Sit down by his side.

For Tommy's attentions  
Are always sincere,  
And from his behavior  
She has nothing to fear.

And whenever Tom's lady  
Should wish for a ride,  
She soon sees his horses  
Or coach by her side.

While once in a carriage,  
The horses took fright,  
Ran down a steep hill—  
'Twas a terrible sight.





**The carriage turned over,  
And in the inside  
Was General Tom Thumb  
And his gentleman guide.**

**Who seeing the danger,  
Rushed out like a rocket,  
With little Tom Thumb  
Quite safe in his pocket.**

One day whilst exhibiting  
In a large town,  
(As here you may see him,)  
The flooring broke down.

Many people were hurt,  
But their bruises to cure,  
And make all the boarding  
In future secure,

He gave from his fortune  
A very large sum,  
For a warm-hearted fellow  
Is little Tom Thumb.

Of a rude throng of visitors  
Once to be rid,  
He crept into the muff  
Of a lady, and hid;

Who bore him away,  
Of her treasure quite proud,  
But Tom popt his head out,  
And spoke to the crowd,





**Declared in a voice  
And a manner as bluff,  
He would fight the first man  
Who would enter the muff.**

**Only think what a journey  
Dear little Tom had;  
His father and mother  
Must both have felt sad.**

Though far from his home,  
Quite happy was he ;  
For a life of adventures  
Suits him to a T.

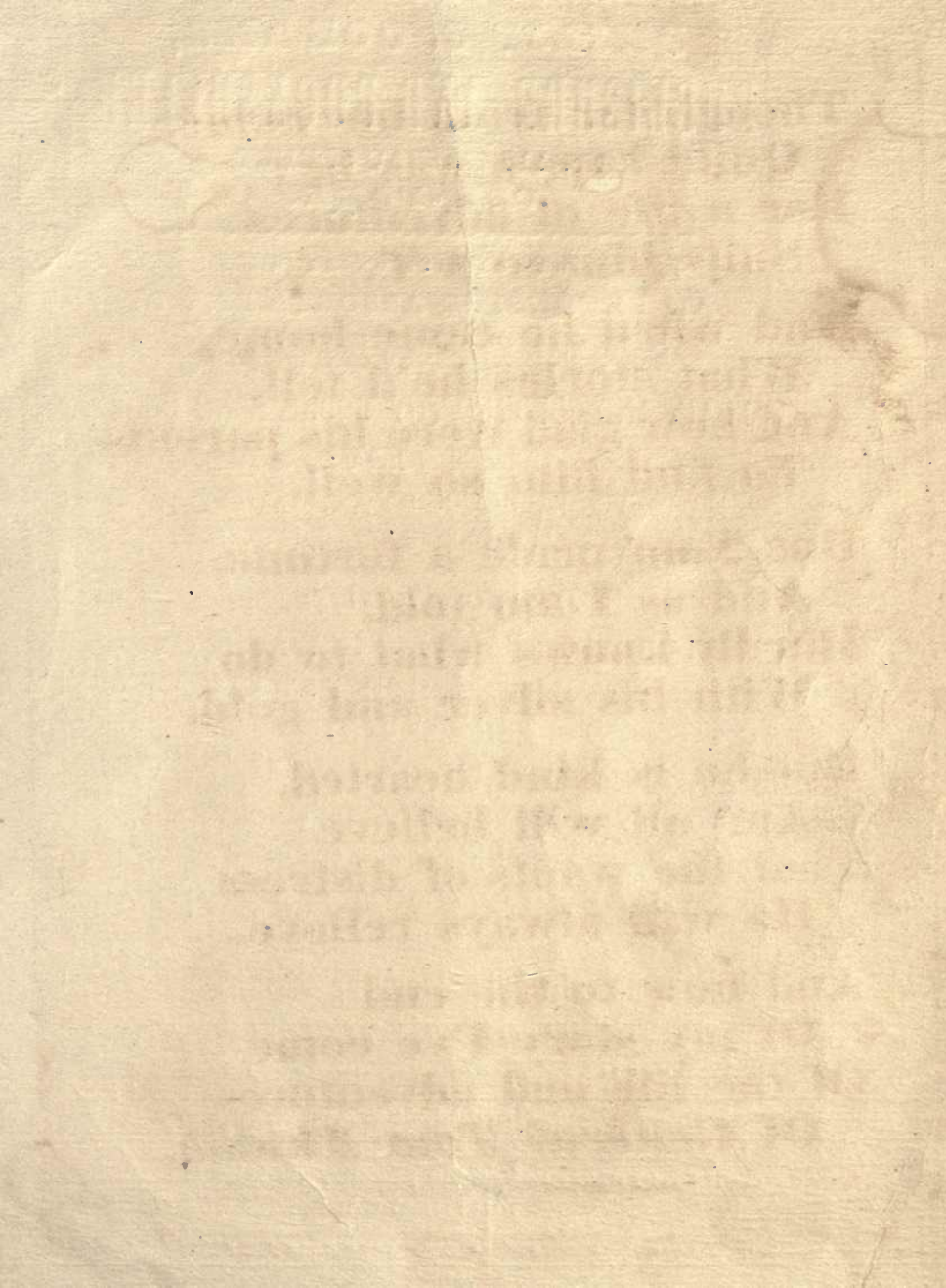
And when he came home  
What stories he'd tell,  
And how glad were his parents  
To find him so well.

But Tom made a fortune,  
And as I am told,  
Hardly knows what to do  
With his silver and gold.

But he is kind hearted,  
And all will believe  
That the wants of distress  
He will always relieve.

And now to the end  
Of my story I've come—  
Of the life and adventures  
Of *General Tom Thumb*.





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